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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC STEADY IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 16 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 0.8 per cent in February over February, 1983, the same increase as in January, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service in February, traffic was down 1.3 per cent. Passenger load factor was 52.7 per cent, down from 61.2 per cent for February, 1983. Available seat miles flown in domestic service in February were up 14.6 per cent over the same month a year ago. For the first two months, the comparable domestic service figures revealed traffic down 1.0 per cent, load factor at 52.2 per cent, down from 58.6 per cent and available seat miles up 11.1 per cent.

In international service in February, traffic was up 14.6 per cent. Passenger load factor was 54.4 per cent, down from 55.8 per cent in February, 1983. Available seat miles rose by 17.6 per cent. For the first two months in international service, traffic was up 11.9 per cent. The load factor was at 56.4 per cent, down from 57.4 per cent, and available seat miles were up 13.9 per cent.

In systemwide traffic in February, the load factor was 53 per cent, down from 60.4 per cent in February, 1983, and available seat miles were up 15 per cent. In systemwide traffic for the first two months, the load factor was 52.9 per cent, down from 58.4 per cent in February, 1983, and available seat miles were up 11.5 per cent

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1984 - 1983

		FEBRUARY					YEAR TO DATE				
		RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR	RPM'S (000)	PCT	ASM'S (000)	PCT	LOAD FACTOR
DOMESTIC	YEAR										
MAJORS	84	13,343,864	-2.8	25,337,122	13.9	52.7	27,333,616	-2.3	52,353,699	10.5	52.2
	83	13,734,751		22,239,227		61.8	27,970,293		47,398,370		59.0
NATIONALS	84	1,649,549	13.6	3,102,350	20.2	53.2	3,358,279	10.4	6,402,969	16.2	52.4
	83	1,452,369		2,580,153		56.3	3,040,748		5,507,940		55.2
TOTAL	84	14,993,413	-1.3	28,439,672	14.6	52.7	30,691,895	-1.0	58,756,668	11.1	52.2
	83	15,187,120		24,819,380		61.2	31,011,041		52,906,310		58.6
INTERNATIONAL											
MAJORS	84	2,562,955	14.1	4,737,393	16.7	54.1	5,598,132	12.2	9,995,094	13.8	56.0
	83	2,246,582		4,060,839		55.3	4,991,416		8,782,358		56.8
NATIONALS	84	109,021	27.8	172,872	48.9	63.1	252,453	7.5	379,806	16.4	66.5
	83	85,310		116,133		73.5	234,845		326,368		72.0
TOTAL	84	2,671,976	14.6	4,910,265	17.6	54.4	5,850,585	11.9	10,374,900	13.9	56.4
	83	2,331,892		4,176,972		55.8	5,226,261		9,108,726		57.4
SYSTEM TOTAL											
MAJORS	84	15,906,819	-0.5	30,074,515	14.4	52.9	32,931,748	-0.1	62,348,793	11.0	52.8
	83	15,981,333		26,300,066		60.8	32,961,709		56,180,728		58.7
NATIONALS	84	1,758,570	14.4	3,275,422	21.5	53.7	3,610,732	10.2	6,782,775	16.3	53.2
	83	1,537,679		2,696,286		57.0	3,275,593		5,834,308		56.1
TOTAL	84	17,665,389	0.8	33,349,937	15.0	53.0	36,542,480	0.8	69,131,568	11.5	52.9
	83	17,519,012		28,996,352		60.4	36,237,302		62,015,036		58.4

NOTES:
(1) CARRIERS INCLUDED: MAJORS - AMERICAN, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AMERICAN, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR AND WESTERN.

NATIONALS - AIRCAL, AIR FLORIDA, ALASKA, ALOHA, CAPITOL, FRONTIER, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK, PIEDMONT AND PSA.

(2) CONTINENTAL DATA AND NORTHWEST INTERNATIONAL DATA ARE NOT INCLUDED.

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